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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

P. O. Drawer 1457  
St. Louis, Missouri

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August 15, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, 1932 relative to the method of booking prisoners by the St. Louis Police Department.

It is believed that the necessary arrangements made by the Agents at the time of interviewing and arranging for the apprehension of prisoners wanted by this Bureau, will eliminate any possibility of the St. Louis Police Department booking any Prohibition prisoners as "held for the United States Bureau of Investigation". It is also believed that the commanding officers at the various precincts are sufficiently familiar with the violations over which this Bureau has jurisdiction, to properly book the prisoners. However, in order to avoid any possibility of booking Prohibition prisoners for this Bureau, contact will be had with the officer in charge of the various outlying precincts and the purport of the instructions forwarded by means of the St. Louis Police Journal will be explained to them.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Designation of Agents

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Post Office Box #251  
Grand Central Station  
New York City

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September 21, 1932  
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Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As of possible historical interest to the Bureau, I am transmitting herewith a photostatic copy of a communication dated April 21, 1930, from which it will be noted that the title "U. S. Bureau of Investigation" apparently had its inception at a comparatively early date.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
J. E. P. [unclear]  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 21, 1930

The Macey Company,  
545 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We hereby accept your bid for furniture  
for our offices at 270 Lexington Avenue.

All of the selected furniture to be de-  
livered by May 1st, with the exception  
of twenty-seven desks which are to be  
delivered not later than three weeks from  
today.

Yours very truly,

J. S. Egan  
Inspector  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
NEW YORK OFFICE
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<i>Ward</i>

311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.

Washington, D. C.

September 24, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have today delivered to Mr. Renneberger in Division 10 of the Bureau for re-lettering to eliminate the obsolete title, "U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation", the following framed interesting cases: William Berger, 1; Martin Durkin, 3; West Brothers, 1; West Brothers and unnamed bewhiskered male, 1; Fleagle case, 1; Capone case, 1; William Charwick case, 1; work of the Bureau, comparative accomplishments chart, 1.

It is requested that the revision of these charts be expedited for the oncoming training school.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

September 22, 1932

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are in the Washington Field Office certain charts heretofore issued by the Bureau in the Fleagle Case, the Will West Case, the Martin Durkin Case, the Al Capone Case, and the William Berger Case, which bear the inscription, "U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, Division of Identification and Information". I desire to receive instructions as to whether it will be permissible to retain these interesting cases as exhibits in the Field Office even though the description of our agency thereon contained is obsolete.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1420 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
September 20, 1932

HHC:AJ

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Consistent with the request of Mr. Schilder,  
you are advised that there are in the Cincinnati Office  
the following display charts which do not bear the correct  
title of this Bureau:

The Fleagle Case  
The West Brothers Case  
The Martin James Durkin Case

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector

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POST OFFICE BOX 1406,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

August 28, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Consistent with the suggestion of Mr. Rehlder, the following are a list of the charts now on display in the Chicago Office which do not carry the proper title of this Bureau:

Comparative Accomplishments for Fiscal Year  
July 1st to June 30.

Martin James Durkin

West Brothers

The Fleagle Case

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG  
Inspector.

HMC:CH

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511 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D.C.  
August 15, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to Bureau letter of August 11, 1932 which refers to the fact that in the case of Raymond W. Prather, Charleston, W. Va., the Washington Herald referred to investigators of this Bureau as "Department of Justice Agents", please be advised that the publicity in this case was handled by the Director of the Bureau on a memorandum submitted by me to him on August 8th.

I certainly shall do everything I can at Washington to see that we are referred to as Special Agents of the United States Bureau of Investigation. I personally discussed this with Collier of the Star, Beck of the News, and Cullinane of the Herald. I shall continue my efforts to bring about this change in phraseology when we are referred to in the press.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Keith,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati, Ohio  
September 24, 1932

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MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS

In referring to the complete name of the Bureau as used in connection with your title on signed statements and referring to such in the statement itself, some have been using the abbreviation U. S. instead of the complete writing out of the words "United States", and in the future all references to the title of the Bureau in any manner in connection with written matter should be as to the complete name "United States Bureau of Investigation".

In other words, in signing a statement same should be signed, "John Smith, Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation".

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau

E. E. Diemer  
H. D. Harris  
F. E. Hurley  
M. B. Klein  
S. K. McKee  
Bliss Morton

P. J. Nolan  
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Los Angeles, Calif.  
Oct. 18, 1932.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS:

The Bureau has advised that there has been a growing tendency on the part of Special Agents to denote their title as Special Agent, U. S. Bureau of Investigation.

The Bureau believes it preferable in all cases to write the words United States in full in each instance. You are, therefore, instructed to see that this suggestion is carried out, and that your title be given as Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation.

T. F. CULLEN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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C. G. MARSHALL, NEWS MANAGER

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F.B.I.

October 20, 1932.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sending to you today, under separate cover,  
a copy of The United States Daily of October 20th, on the back  
page of which appears your article entitled, "Method of Trailing  
Fugitives from Justice".

Yours very truly,

*C. Marshall*

News Manager.

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## Method of Trailing Fugitives from Justice

By  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation

THE United States Bureau of Investigation conducts investigations for the purpose of locating and causing the arrest of persons who are fugitives from justice by reason of violations of the Federal laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction, of escaped Federal prisoners, and parole and probation violators.

When the arrest of a Federal fugitive from justice is not brought about within a reasonable time, the Bureau issues what is known as an identification order, which is distributed to peace officers in all parts of the country. These identification orders contain the name, photograph, fingerprints, and description of the fugitive, together with all available information which might prove helpful in bringing about his arrest.

When the fugitive is apprehended, an apprehension order is issued so that all efforts to locate the individual may be discontinued.

It is highly important in investigations relating to fugitives from justice that any information secured be forwarded to the nearest Bureau office without delay.

*United States Daily*  
*October 20, 1932*

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Mr. C. G. Marshall,  
News Manager,  
The United States Daily,  
Washington, D. C.

OCT 27 1932

Dear Mr. Marshall:-

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I appreciate your courtesy in forwarding  
to me a copy of the United States Daily of October 20,  
which contained a brief article concerning one of the  
functions of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

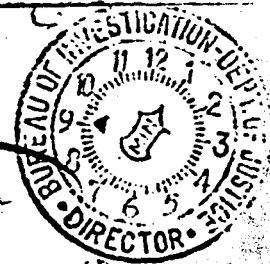
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NEWS DEPARTMENT

V. MARSHALL, NEWS MANAGER

November 3, 1932.

O.F.B.I.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
United States Bureau of  
Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sending to you today, under separate cover,  
a copy of The United States Daily of November 3, on the back  
page of which appears your article entitled, "Federal Safeguard  
Against Theft of Motor Vehicles".

Yours very truly,

*C. Marshall*

News Manager.

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UNITED STATES DAILY  
Washington, D.C.  
November 3, 1932.

## Federal Safeguard against Theft of Motor Vehicles

By  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, United States  
Bureau of Investigation

**P**ERSONS who transport a stolen motor vehicle from one State to another State, knowing the same to have been stolen, may be prosecuted in the United States courts for the transportation of the stolen vehicle. Also, persons who receive, conceal, store, barter, sell, or dispose of any motor vehicle moving as, or which is a part of, or which constitutes, interstate or foreign commerce, knowing the same to have been stolen, may be prosecuted in the United States courts under this act, which is also known as the Dyer Act.

When an individual is found in possession of an automobile and there is reason to believe that his possession of the motor vehicle is not lawful and that the said motor vehicle has been stolen and transported in interstate or foreign commerce, if the facts are called to the attention of the Bureau an investigation will be made to determine whether there has been a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

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Mr. C. C. Marshall,  
News Manager,  
United States Daily,  
Washington, D. C.

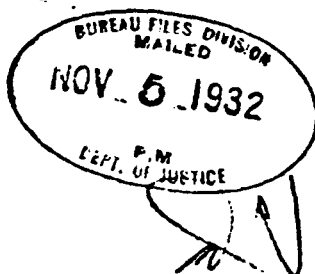
Dear Mr. Marshall:

Permit me to express to you my appreciation for your courtesy in forwarding a copy of the UNITED STATES DAILY of November 3, in which appears the article relative to the activities of this Bureau, under the title "Federal Safeguard against Theft of Motor Vehicles."

Sincerely yours,

Director.

*Sub. Dir. newspaper clippings*  
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CT:ACS

November 9, 1932.

O. F. B. I.

Mr. C. G. Marshall, News Manager,  
United States Daily,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Marshall:-

I am enclosing herewith as of possible interest to you a copy of a memorandum dated October 26, 1932, which deals with the initiation of a program of the United States Bureau of Investigation with a view to exchanging criminal identification data with foreign countries.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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C. G. MARSHALL, NEWS MANAGER

November 17, 1932.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

62-12831-14

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sending to you today, under separate cover,  
a copy of The United States Daily of November 17, on the  
back page of which appears your article entitled, "Investi-  
gating Fraud in Bankruptcy Cases".

Yours very truly,

C. G. Marshall

News Manager.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1932 — *The United States Daily*

## Investigating Fraud in Bankruptcy Cases

By  
J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, United States  
Bureau of Investigation

IT IS the duty of the United States Bureau of Investigation to investigate alleged violations which occur in the administration of the National Bankruptcy Act.

Violations of this act are usually reported to the Bureau by referees in bankruptcy, trustees, credit associations, or creditors.

However, the Bureau will appreciate receiving any information which you may obtain relative to violations of this act, such as concealing money, merchandise, or property either before or after the filing of the bankruptcy petition; concealing, destroying, mutilating, or falsifying books and records before or after the bankruptcy petition was filed; receiving concealed property, or perjury or false claims.

Information that shipments were made from the bankrupt store late at night or in a covert manner; that vans or trucks were loaded at the bankrupt's premises; that the bankrupt hastily liquidated his affairs immediately prior to closing by sacrifice or below-cost sales, all are significant of irregularities and are a material aid to the progress of the investigation. Attempts on the part of the bankrupt to collect old accounts after proceedings have been instituted also indicate possible violations.

In bankruptcy cases, particularly, local peace officers obtain valuable information which is not available to an outside investigator.

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*JK*  
United States Bureau of Investigation

Room 318. 11/23 1932.

To: ☒ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_ *[redacted]*  
\_\_\_\_ Chief, Div. *b6*  
\_\_\_\_ Supervisor, Steno. Pool. *b7c*  
\_\_\_\_ Inspector  
\_\_\_\_ *[redacted]*

*Material was quoted  
from booklet on  
work of Bureau.  
all division heads  
approved the  
phraseology.  
Please take it up with  
Mr. Appel. It must have  
approved it.*

*J* . & H Clyde A. Tolson.

JMK:ACS

November 22, 1932.

Mr. B. J. Harrill,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
1806 First National Bank Bldg.,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

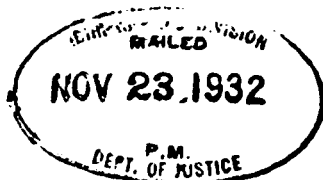
Dear Mr. Harrill:-

With further reference to your letter of October 31, 1932, containing suggestions for the improvement of the service, the Bureau desires to inform you that over a long period of time, it has sought a title for its employees which would be more distinctive and more exactly descriptive of their official duties than that of Special Agent. To date, no title more appropriate than the one at present used has been suggested and the Bureau would highly appreciate a further letter from you in this respect containing phraseology which you believe would be appropriate in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

cc - Charlotte Office.



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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1806 First National Bank Building  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 1, 1932.



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Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 22, 1932, expressing a desire that the writer submit further suggestions in connection with the suggestion made by me in my letter of October 31, 1932, in which letter the suggestion was made that the title Special Agent be changed to a more appropriate one.

At the time the writer made the original suggestion the titles listed below were given consideration:

Investigator  
Inspector  
Agent

It is my understanding that the title Investigator is now given a certain class of employees in the Prohibition Bureau. I was not aware of this until after date of my first suggestion. It is therefore believed that this title should not be adopted.

It is thought that each investigative employee could be given the title of Inspector, and the present employees who are designated as Inspectors could be given the title of Examiners.

In the event the title of Inspector is not considered appropriate it is felt that consideration should be given to designating investigative employees as Agents and not Special Agents. The term Special Agent is usually thought of as meaning that the employee's activities are restricted and that he is engaged in a particular phase of work, whereas the facts as pertaining to Bureau employees are to the contrary.

Hoping the above may be of some value, I am

Very truly yours,

B. J. HARRILL  
Special Agent.

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
POST OFFICE BOX 1405  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. Nathan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tolson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>

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December 29, 1932.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Bureau policy of definitely establishing its identity as the United States Bureau of Investigation, I am forwarding to you the suggestion received today from Special Agent D. C. Colladay of this office.

It appears that the attention of persons to whom the credential card is exhibited falls particularly upon that part of the title "Department of Justice". This would seem to result from the fact that the general public is more familiar with that title than with the title "United States Bureau of Investigation", and also from the fact that the latter title is printed above and closer to the dark border of the credential card case, therefore probably being less noticeable. It is suggested that attention would be much more readily drawn to the title "United States Bureau of Investigation" by those words being printed in type of larger size than the remainder of the title in such a way that they would stand out preeminently.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Memo to Mr. Tolson  
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January 16, 1933.

Suggestion #92.

M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Employee submits a suggestion offered by Special Agent D. C. Colleday to the effect that in the preparation of credential cards and cases the words, "United States Bureau of Investigation", on the cards are placed so near the border as to detract from the correct title of the Bureau and focus the attention of those examining the credentials upon the words, "Department of Justice".

The committee feels that due to the likelihood that credentials will be changed at a comparatively early date, this fact might be called to the attention of Mr. Tolson, so that when the new commission cards are printed a proper margin may be permitted at the top of the card, in order that the title of the Bureau may in each instance be legible and in a commanding position. There is attached hereto a memorandum for Mr. Tolson, in the event you approve this suggestion.

Respectfully,

C. A. Tolson.

H. H. Clegg.

J. M. Keith.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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LCS:EPM

January 9, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I have noted the attached news item in yesterday's Washington Post, with reference to the identification recently made here in the Thomas Robert Crawford case. This news item like numerous others refers to a report from the "National Identification Bureau" as the source of the identification. The letterheads of numerous law enforcement agencies still mention also that the said agencies are contributing members of the "National Bureau of Identification". Possibly this phraseology all may be attributed to the fact that definite misunderstanding still exists in the minds of many officers with reference to the exact title of the Bureau, and they still believe that a National Identification Bureau, similar to that formerly maintained by the I.A.C.P. is operated by this Bureau.

I would like to suggest that all outgoing telegrams be signed as follows:

John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation.

The action suggested, I believe, would correct many of the omissions and errors of the character just described. I do not believe that additional telegraphic cost would be entailed.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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*The Washington Post*  
*Washington, D.C.*

*January 8, 1933*

## **Irene Schroeder's Brother Finds End in Potters Field**

**Bodies of Gunman, Kin of Executed Woman, and Fellow Gangster Identified After Three-Year Flight and Battle With Police.**

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Jan. 7 (A.P.). A three-year flight from the police ended in the potter's field here for Thomas Robert Crawford, brother of Irene Schroeder, blonde gun girl, who, with Glenn Dague, her lover, slew Corporal Erady Paul, of the Pennsylvania State police, in December, 1929.

The body of a gunman, who with a companion was shot and killed by seven Cape Girardeau policemen last Tuesday when they resisted arrest, on a charge of robbery, was identified today as that of Crawford, who fled with the Schroeder girl and Dague in 1929.

Informed that the robbers of a small Morehouse, Mo., cafe could be found in a downtown flat here, the policemen battered down the door and found Crawford and John Huff, another gunman seated on a bed.

The pair drew their revolvers and attempted to shoot it out with the police detail. From room to room the battle raged until both gunmen were shot to death. The police were unscathed.

For nearly a week the bodies of the dead men were viewed by thousands in an effort to identify them. Today a report from the National Identification Bureau identified fingerprints of the pair as those of

Crawford and Huff. The Morehouse cafe proprietor had previously identified the men as the robbers who took \$50 and a rifle from his restaurant.

To prevent identification in case of capture the men had cut the labels from their clothing and in other ways had sought to conceal their identity. Huff had been arrested for vagrancy at Texarkana, Ark., and at Joplin, Mo.

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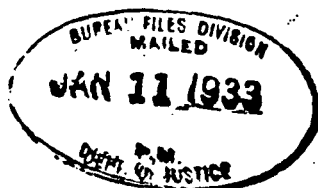
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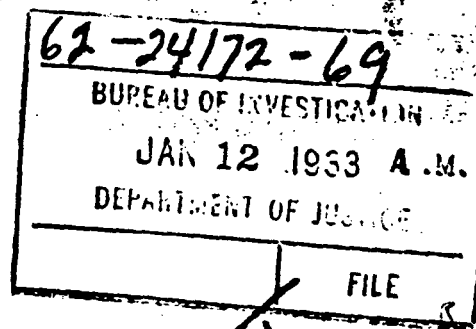
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January 26, 1933.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

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**COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
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"WHEREAS, it is the sense of the members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police met in convention at Portland, Oregon, on this fourteenth day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-two, that they should appropriately express their appreciation of the services rendered to law-enforcement officials throughout this and other countries by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. The Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Mr. Hoover, is a source of daily aid and assistance to the Chiefs of Police and other law-enforcement officials in the conduct of their efforts to combat crime. The field employees of the Bureau of Investigation are in constant contact with local and State law-enforcement officials at all times, are manifestly under instructions to render every possible cooperative assistance in matters coming under the Bureau's jurisdiction, and the value of their services to law-enforcement in general and to peace officers of the country in particular cannot be too highly recommended. It is the sense of the members assembled also, that fitting recognition should be shown the striking advance accomplished in combating crime through the organization and development of the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation under the supervision of Mr. Hoover. It is believed that this division has now attained a world wide reputation for expeditious and efficient service to law-enforcement officials, and the value of the information promptly transmitted to peace officers cannot be over-estimated.

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"Mr. Hoover has always been available for personal advice and cooperative counsel and assistance to the members of the Association at all times and has given unreservedly of his time and efforts to all modern plans and projects tending to combat crime and convict criminals.

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That it is the sense of the members of this Association that this Resolution be spread on the minutes and that copies thereof be transmitted to the President and Attorney General of the United States."

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 31, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

There is attached hereto an article entitled "The United States Bureau of Investigation", dated February 1, 1933.

If the form and content of this article meet with your approval, 300 mimeographed copies will be made for release.

Respectfully,

*W. H. D. Lester*  
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DIRECTOR

## U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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#### Personnel

The Bureau gives most careful consideration to the selection and appointment of all its employees. Only duly qualified graduates of recognized law schools, who are usually members of the bar, or expert Accountants with practical experience, are appointed as Special Agents. Applicants for appointment to investigative positions must be between 25 and 35 years of age. Upon their appointment, Special Agents are given intensive training courses at Washington, where they are required to master all phases of their work. Special Agents in Charge of the field offices of the Bureau are in turn selected from those employees who have proven themselves to be possessed of investigative, administrative, and executive ability of the highest order. All employees are required to render appropriate assistance to law enforcement officials at all times and to strictly observe the rights of all persons with whom they come in contact. The Bureau, as a result of the high standard maintained by its employees, is enabled to attract to its ranks individuals of integrity and ability.

#### Accomplishments

The accomplishments of the United States Bureau of Investigation have been commended in the highest terms by the Courts, prosecuting officers, and law enforcement officials generally. Statistics at best



are rather dry, but offer the most concise method of outlining the achievements of the Bureau. Convictions were secured in 93.76% of all cases investigated by the Bureau which were presented to grand juries.

During the fiscal year 1932, 4,795 convictions - that is, an average of more than 13 convictions for each day in the year - were obtained in cases investigated by the United States Bureau of Investigation.

The sentences imposed in these cases included 7 life sentences and totaled over 5,405 years, exclusive of probationary sentences, totaling 2,597 years, and suspended sentences of 785 years. The fines imposed during the same year totaled over \$374,000.

The total value of recoveries effected in cases wherein employees of the Bureau performed investigative work amounted to over \$2,324,000.

During the same fiscal year 1,255 Federal fugitives from justice were located - an average of between 3 and 4 Federal fugitives located per day. In addition, the Identification Division of the Bureau assisted various law enforcement officials throughout the United States in identifying 2,435 fugitives during the same year. Stolen motor vehicles numbering 3,322, and valued at over \$1,416,000 were recovered in cases in which the Bureau performed investigative work for the fiscal year 1932. Since the enactment of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, or to give its commonly accepted name, the Dyer Act, in October 1919, until June 30, 1932, 31,343 stolen motor vehicles valued at over \$21,716,000 have been recovered in cases in which the Bureau performed investigative work.

Through economies effected in the operation of the Bureau, the sum of \$289,992.31 of the Bureau's appropriation for the year 1932, which totaled \$2,978,520, was returned to the Treasury as savings.

Identification Division

The Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation is maintained at Washington, D. C., and was established on July 1, 1924, to operate as a national clearing house of identification data. At the date of its inception, it began with approximately 800,000 fingerprint records which had comprised the collections of the bureau maintained at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and of the National Bureau of Criminal Identification, Washington, D. C., which had been operated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Since its establishment in 1924, the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation has had a phenomenal growth. During the fiscal year of 1932 alone, it received over 573,000 fingerprint cards.

On February 1, 1933, there were more than 3,386,000 fingerprint records on file, representing the largest and most complete collection of criminal fingerprint records of current value existing anywhere in the world. This division now receives criminal identification data from over 5,300 contributors in the United States and foreign countries, and receives more than 2,000 fingerprint cards each day, replying to each of these cards within 36 hours.

The subjects of over 45% of all the prints received are identified as having prior criminal records. By means of posting notices of wanted persons in this division, the Bureau at present identifies more than 350 fugitives each month, immediately notifying the proper officials so that these fugitives may be taken into custody. This entire service is furnished free of cost and is maintained solely for the convenience and use of regularly constituted law enforcement officials and agencies. This data is not made available for private purposes. At the present time, the Identification Division of the Bureau exchanges fingerprint records with over 33 foreign countries to help cope with the operations of international confidence men, swindlers and gangsters.

#### "Fugitives Wanted by Police" Bulletins

As an aid to law enforcement agencies in their war upon crime and criminals, the Bureau publishes a "Fugitives Wanted by Police" bulletin monthly, in which are listed the names, aliases, descriptions, and fingerprint classification of wanted fugitives, together with the names and addresses of law enforcement officials and agencies to be notified when the fugitives are located. These bulletins are distributed each month through the Bureau's field offices to more than 17,000 law enforcement officials and agencies throughout the United States.

#### Crime Statistics

By Act of Congress, approved June 11, 1930, the United States Bureau of Investigation was authorized to collect and compile criminal

statistics. During the year 1932, reports were received from 1578 police departments throughout the United States, representing a population area of over 53,212,000 persons. A quarterly bulletin containing a digest of figures on crime statistics throughout the entire country is issued quarterly.

Research Division

The Bureau also maintains at Washington a Research Division for the study of ballistics, handwriting, typewriting, photography, and fingerprint identification work to keep abreast of developments which are of assistance in the scientific investigation of crime.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Edwards ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 15, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*F. B. I.*

Mr. Gates read and approved the article prepared by Mr. Nixon concerning the identification functions of the Bureau. He added a phrase, however, to show that the applicants for positions whose prints were forwarded by peace officers to the Bureau were applicants for positions as peace officers with the law enforcement agency concerned.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg.*

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MR. HOOVER SAID TO HAVE MR. GATES APPROVE THE  
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United States Bureau of Investigation

Room 422. \_\_\_\_\_ 1933

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief, Div.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor, Steno. Pool.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Inspector  
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Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Clegg.....

*Mr. Nixon of "The United States  
Daily" desires to run this  
under Mr. Hoover's name in  
next issue. It will be one  
of a series now appearing  
under names of heads of the  
Division or Bureau concerned.*

*He requests its return  
this P.M.*

*H. H. Clegg.*

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Kansas City, MO.  
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St. Louis  
827,900

Jersey City, N. J.  
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Newark  
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Buffalo, N. Y.  
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New York  
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Rochester  
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It is probably because fingerprints first came into widespread usage in law enforcement work, that the general public has associated this indispensable means of identification with crime and criminals. When considering the many identification bureaus throughout the world, the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation is recognized nationally and internationally as possessing the largest reservoir or source of criminal identifying data in existence.

The Bureau has more than <sup>3,576,000</sup>~~3,400,000~~ fingerprints and more than <sup>4,696,000</sup>~~3,400,000~~ index cards in its collections, involving about <sup>2,550,000</sup>~~2,250,000~~ different individuals. During the last fiscal year 573,731 fingerprint cards were received in the Bureau and 39 per cent of these were identified with prior records. At this time nearly 2200 additional cards are being received in the Bureau daily from more than <sup>5800</sup>~~5000~~ contributing law enforcement agencies in the United States and foreign countries.

This huge source of identification data, in addition to furnishing indispensable data for law enforcing agencies also has additional uses which are available to the individual.

How can an employer determine through the services of the Bureau if a prospective employee has a criminal record? How may a citizen determine the whereabouts of necessary witnesses or prospective defendant in civil suits?

These questions represent two phases of the Bureau's work of

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in the ~~xxxxxx~~ civil identification field. In addition to these uses, the records of the Bureau are frequently of aid in identifying unknown deceased persons or amnesia victims.

When the records contained in the Bureau's files were found to possess such great value for eriminal ~~xxxx~~ purposes, manl law enforcement agencies initiated the practice of routing or clearing through the Bureau, fingerprints of applicants for positions <sup>as peace officers</sup> to determine whether they had previous eriminal records. In addition, various branches of the armed services of the United States ~~xxxx~~, upon occasion, have cleared their fingerprints through the Bureau in this manner, identifications averaging 5 per cent of all these prints handled.

The United States Civil Service Commission adopted this practice about four years ago. In a large number of cases it was found persons whose offenses were detected through the fingerprints, had given untruthful answers to questions on the application blanks.

Results obtained in such identification work were so favorable that on July 1, 1932, the Civil Service Fingerprint Division was consolidated with that of the United States Bureau of Investigation ~~xx~~, the major part of the

Since ~~all~~ fingerprint identifications made by the Bureau are handled through the prints submitted by local law enforcement agencies, a business man or large employer of labor would have to secure the cooperation of his local law enforcement agencies in submitting any fingerprints to the Bureau. If these agencies are willing to send the fingerprints in to Washington, the Bureau of ~~xxxxxx~~ Investigation will <sup>search</sup> identify

LaFayette Esquadrille reported killed in France. He was identified by the Bureau through a fingerprint search as a deserter from the United States Navy and <sup>was</sup> not possessed of a World War record.

These cases which have been described are routine cases with the Bureau. It establishes numerous similar identifications every month.

The location of prospective defendants or missing witnesses in court cases is another important service of the Bureau. When the Bureau is informed that a law enforcement agency desires the apprehension of a fugitive and the fingerprints of that individual are available, ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a wanted notice is placed in the fugitive's record. This insures his identification when his fingerprints are next received from any of the <sup>5881</sup> ~~5000~~ contributors to the Bureau. Through this medium 350 fugitives are identified each month.

An illustration of the work of the Bureau in identifying witnesses wanted <sup>in connection with</sup> ~~for~~ a civil case <sup>matter arising</sup> is furnished in a ~~case~~ ~~xxxx~~ in September, 1931 when an identification effected <sup>by</sup> ~~in~~ the Bureau resulted in locating the insured person in a War Risk Insurance Case ~~xxxx~~ which was before the Veterans Bureau. The action undertaken by the Bureau in this matter enabled the Federal Government to successfully defend a \$10,000 suit brought against it under the presumption that the former soldier was deceased. He had been missing for more than seven years.

These illustrations of what may be called the civil identification

activities of the United Bureau of Investigation are indicative of its activities not only in the field of law enforcement but in the identification of various persons whose true identity may be clouded in doubt or totally unknown.

The Identification Division service is rendered free to all legally constituted law enforcement officials and agencies. Criminal identification data on file have been of material assistance in increasing the efficiency of the operation of police departments and law enforcement agencies <sup>including prosecutors and judges</sup> as well as in assisting many citizens in ~~problems~~ solving their ~~problems~~ problems.

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The second class of civil prints is that ~~concerning~~ which deals with the identification of unknown deceased persons or amnesia victims. The Bureau's work in examining fingerprint cards forwarded by law enforcement officers in the cases of persons who have been found dead, either from violence or natural causes, or of individuals suffering from loss of memory, necessarily is usually confined to an examination of its own criminal records. It follows, therefore, that unless a person has been involved in some criminal activities, and identification cannot be established unless his fingerprints correspond with one of the approximately <sup>157,000</sup> ~~149,000~~ Civil Service prints now in the Bureau's possession.

Indicative of the scope of the Bureau's work in the establishment of identifications of unknown deceased persons, there was a rather unusual identification effected in December, 1930, when an individual endeavored to effect a robbery at Huntsville, Alabama, and was killed by a shopkeeper's wife. This person was found to identical with an escaped prisoner from the North Carolina State Penitentiary at Raleigh.

Another case is that of the person who committed suicide in an Iowa city in November of 1930. When his fingerprint card was searched in the Bureau's files it was found he had been arrested previously in South Dakota, and the Iowa officials were ~~whence~~ enabled to trace his relatives from the point where he had been taken into custody previously.

One instance of misrepresentation which was recently cleared up by the Bureau was that of a person living in North Carolina who attracted wide attention through claiming to be a former prominent member of the